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Construction of a dam across Maharajasamudram river.

* 293 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received a petition from the ryots of Sockkampettai village in Alangudi taluk of Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, suggesting the construction of an anicut and a dam in Maharajasamudram river and to divert water through Vettaikudi Pudhukolam and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is in the negative."

Relief works in Chittoor district.

* 293-A *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in Chittoor district the bund work of tanks situated on either side of the road was taken up two days prior to His Excellency the Governor's visit and stopped two days after that?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The works were taken up as part of the 1952–53 programme of relief works and their taking up coincided with the visit of the Governor in April 1952 by sheer accident. The works were not stopped. They were pushed through and completed in due course."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" In view of the fact that the works have been stopped throughout the Chittoor district—I have personally seen it and I can bear witness to it—will the Government enquire into the matter again and give us correct information? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As the hon. Member is not in the witness box, I cannot cross-examine him or cross-answer him."

Cultivation of waste lands in Narasapur taluk.

* 293-B *Q.*—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijans and Backward classes in Narasapur taluk who are cultivating Government waste lands for dalwa this year, the number of these people who were given pattas and the number of those who are not as yet given;

(*b*) how many of these people were levied penalties at the rate of Rs. 80 per acre and to what extent; and

(*c*) how many of these ryots were levied penalties at the rate of 16 times wet and more for dalwa cultivation this year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) to (*c*) The Government have no information in the matter but have called for the same from the Collector and his reply is awaited."